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Title : PROCESS FOR RECOVERING POLYHYDROXIALKANOATES ("PHAS")  
FROM CELLULAR BIOMASS

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 23, 2010 in connection with this application and in accordance with Rule 116 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks. A Petition for Extension of Time is submitted with this response, requesting that the time period for response be extended for a period of three (3) months, from September 23, 2010 up to and including December 23, 2010. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) also accompanies this submission, along with a Fee Transmittal and payment of the estimated extension and RCE fees. It is believed that no other fees are required for this response. However, should the PTO determine that any additional fee is required or that any refund is owed for this application, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge the required fee(s) and/or credit the refund(s) due to Deposit Account No. 06-1050 of Applicants' undersigned representatives.

**Amendments to the Claims** are shown in the Claim Listing beginning on page 2 of this paper. The Claim Listing provides a complete listing of all the claims ever presented in this application, with markings to indicate Applicants' proposed amendments, and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.

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I hereby certify that this paper was filed with the Patent and Trademark Office using the EFS-WEB system on this date: December 23, 2010